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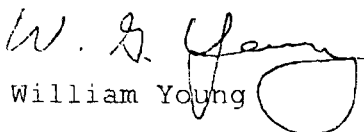
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a supporter of Microsoft, I write you in reference to the recent settlement. The settlement is fair and reasonable and should be adopted immediately. After three years of negotiations, further delay would be ridiculous. What more is there to discuss? It is time to get on with business and get our technology industry back to normal.

Not only has Microsoft agreed to make changes in licensing and marketing, but has agreed to design future versions of Windows that will allow for easier installation of non-Microsoft software. Also, in an anti-trust first, Microsoft has agreed to disclose internal information about the Windows operating system. An outside committee will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the agreement.

By stopping any further federal action on this case, we are allowing our technology industry to get back to business. I urge you to help get this agreement moving. I thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

  
William Young

cc: Senator Rick Santorum  
Representative Melissa A. Hart